

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REQUESTED FILING OF RULE 1.53(B)
CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Dennis McDevitt et al.
Serial No.: 09/714,549
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING
SOFT TISSUE TO BONE
Group Art Unit: 3732
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Sir:

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I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 09/714,549, filed 11/16/2000, and that the enclosed application is a true and complete copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/714,549 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 09/714,549 introduced new matter therein.

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Sworn to before me this 29th day of March, 2004.


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